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Athens radio report of Marshall's statement

1. Reference memorandum 21 October 1948 and attached clipping from "Egyptian Mail", the Mediterranean Bureau monitored Athens at 1400 on 1 October 1948 quoting General Marshall that "he personally undertakes settling of the Greek question". On the following day, however, the Greek press and other agencies, notably AFP and Moscow, quoted the statement that Marshall would "personally take care of the Greek military problem."

2. After a few days' currency, this story was lost in the attention to the Berlin dispute and Marshall's "recall" to Washington. It was revived by implication upon Marshall's actual arrival in Athens by a Free Greece broadcast on 19 October 1948 citing Marshall's "personal interest" in the Greek situation.

3. It is presumed that the "Egyptian Mail" item represents timely exhumation of an AP story dated 2 October 1948.

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